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RELIEF URGED FOR DUST BOWL VICTIMS

Plight of 20,000 Families in Northwest Pictured in Plea to FSA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Federal relief authorities described as "desperate" today the plight of thousands of "dust bowl" farm families who have migrated to the Pacific northwest in recent years in search of economic opportunities.

Walter A. Duffy, regional director at Portland, Ore., reported in a security administration report that the problem of "drought migration is just as acute now as during the past three years."

"Thousands of drought families, many former farm owners, are now living in shacks, tents and abandoned buildings under the most deplorable conditions, existing by means of all too meager seasonal work and odd jobs they secure in the face of the growing competition," the report stated.

Duffy said in Washington, Oregon and Idaho more than 20,000 such families were searching for a place to settle. Few of them have funds sufficient to maintain their selves, he said.

Special Funds Needed "Present limitations of personnel and loan funds," Duffy said, "make it impossible for the FSA to develop a special program for routing farm families from the drought areas."

Describing the problem as "national and inter-state" in responsibility, Duffy declared it could be met only through "special national legislation and special allocation of funds that will help root these families on the land before they gain the flatness and jelsam of permanent squalor and transiency."

FSA officials said they would lay Duffy's report before congress. They would make no estimate, however, of how much money they thought might be needed to finance a program such as he suggested.

MILK PRODUCING LEADERS LISTED

CORVALLIS, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Willamette valley counties took the lead in average production of milk among the 21 best improvement associations participating in monthly tests.

Polk county cows averaged 31.54 pounds of butterfat each. Associations next in line were those in Yamhill, Linn-Benton, Marion, Washington and Multnomah counties.

The high producing herd was owned by Bert Nelson of Vanhook county whose state cows averaged 65.5 pounds. Highest herd in other associations was owned by P. M. Lamb, Linn-Benton, with an average of 64.77.

Honor cows for the month were both grade Jerseys, one owned by Ben Monson of Coos Bay with a record of 667 pounds in a 30-day period, and the other owned by Broderick Acres, Washington county, 416 pounds.

Roger Morse, extension dairyman, reported that an analysis of reports from 18 states shows that cows are culled out of herds most frequently because of low production, next because sold for dairy purposes, and then for older, trouble or long disease. Two causes that led for third place: A total of 27 per cent of the cows were culled out in a year in these 18 states.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The senate appropriations committee has approved inclusion of a \$3,417,000 item in the deficiency appropriation bill for eradication of crop pests. This was \$2,417,000 more than provided by the house.

GRANGE LECTURERS MEET IN ROSEBURG

An all-day meeting was held in Roseburg January 28 for the lecturers from the subordinate granges of Douglas county. Representatives from South Deer Creek, Middle Riverdale, Kellogg, Evergreen and Olive granges were in attendance. Lectures were read from the Sutherland Community, Myrtle Creek, Tenmile, Smith River and Elk Creek officers unable to attend. Much interest was shown in the plans for the future. Meetings to be held each quarter. New material was displayed and suggestions were given for the improvement of this department.

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The third and fourth degrees will be given at a special meeting Monday evening, February 13, at the Kellogg grange hall.

CREDIT LOANS TO FARMERS REPORTED

SPOKANE, Feb. 6.—(AP)—E. Henry, president of the Spokane agency of the 12th farm credit district, said production credit to farmers and stockmen in Washington and Oregon had totaled \$12,218,218 during 1938. The amount, extended in short-term loans for production of crops and livestock, has exceeded lower than the total loans made in 1937.

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POULTRY NUTRITION PHASES DISCUSSED

Vital Importance of Right Feed to Start Poultry, Chicks Stressed.

By GLEN WELLMAN At this season of the year there is probably no more important item of consideration for the man who intends to produce poultry of any kind than the proper care and feeding of his breeding stock.

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THE FEED BAG

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Our Purpose "Yep!" It's here again. Starting with today, Copy Number 1, Volume No. 2, we again present "THE FEED BAG". The paper contains a paper that gives you the news of feeds and the latest in feeding methods. Last year we printed this little advertising sheet for 16 weeks during the breeding and growing season. Our customers liked it and they have asked for a continuation. We will again write the articles on feeding and care of the flocks and in general try to put articles in a condensed form that will be worth your while reading. Look for the FEED BAG, same location every Monday on the farm page.

Personal Touches See Payne has about a third-hand Red chicks out there, doing nicely. In fact, most of the fellows who fed Breeder's Mash to their hens told the same story. By the way, did we tell you the price of Breeder's Mash? \$2.50 a sack and that will pay you bigger dividends than any \$2.50 you ever spent. Slumbers & Cunningham of Glenfield has a nice start of baby chicks, and expect to increase up to 1000 layers by next fall. They chose Rhode Island Reds. We have been selling Umpqua Chick Starter all winter. It has everything the chick needs, including LIVER MEAL, and the price is right, as always at "The Mill". Claude Church, Chicks Valley, has three broods of chicks growing now. Hatching them himself, and doing a fine job. One of the big surprises of the year is the way our customers have taken hold of "Semi-solid Battermeal". It has a way of boosting growth on young stock.

Good News Coming Watch this same place next Monday for some hard facts. It you are interested in politics we will have some definitions. And remember: You can pay more, but you can't buy better feed. OR GOT ON RELIEF Teacher: "In ancient history class," "Mary, who do the ancients say supported the world on his shoulders?" Mary: "Atlas." Teacher: "Correct! But if Atlas supported the entire world, who supported Atlas?" Mary: "I suppose he married a very rich wife."

Timely Topics At this time we believe the most important topic for consideration for the average Douglas county farmer is either Sheep Cakes or Breeder's Mash, or both. The winter has been colder than some we have had, and grass hasn't grown as lush as common. Most sheep over the country are looking fairly well, but many flocks which are receiving Umpqua Sheep Cakes are outstanding over the average. This excellent feed sells for \$2.50 per ton, but below grain. Yet it is superior in many respects to grain for sheep. Makes more milk, better wool and much, much better lambs. We talked to two sheep men one day last week. One said he had to hand-milk a ewe because the lamb couldn't take all the milk. The other had lost a pair of twin lambs because the ewe had no milk. (Yes, you guessed it, the first man fed Umpqua Sheep Cakes.)

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